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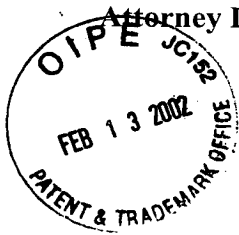
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re/ Application of **Bruce K. Redding, Jr., et al.**

Application No. **09/360,262**

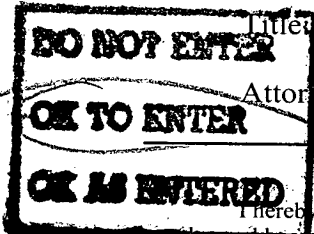
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Process and Apparatus for Producing Dietary Fiber Products

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
TO ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 19, 2001

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2001, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 19, 2002.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 10, and 11 as follows:

1. (Three times amended) A process for modifying the water and oil holding

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